

3rd Grade Monthly Newsletter December 2017 Issue

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year at PS/IS 30!

We hope that you've had an eventful fall. There are so many exciting activities planned for this month. We look forward to working with you!

Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers.



PS/IS 30

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Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Breakfast is served daily, M-F at 7:30 a.m.
- Students will arrive at 7:55 a.m. in the (school yard). Class begins promptly at 8 a.m.
- Students will be dismissed promptly at 2:20 pm from the school yard.

Third Grade Teacher Team

301 – Mrs. Shepps and Mrs. Deluca

302 – Ms. Flowers

303 – Ms. Aly

304 – Ms. Elbadawi and Ms. Abdelazizi

234 – Ms. Tucker



Third Grade Curriculum by Subject for the month of December

Math: GO Math!

- Students will learn to use different strategies such as act it out, equal groups, bar models, and arrays to solve division problems. Students will also recognize how subtraction and multiplication are related to division.

Language Arts

- Students will make connections between events, ideas and concepts in a text and identify the main message of a story. Students will follow the writing process and create an informative bookmark about a specific country.

Science

- Exploration and Analysis of Energy

Social Studies

- Students will explore Egypt. We will analyze the communities, geography, economy, and culture of Egypt.

Art

- Students will be participating in the Ezra Jack Keats book making competition

Important Announcement

Parent Engagement every Tuesday 2:20 – 3:00 pm is parent engagement time. Please utilize this time to discuss important ideas and concerns with your child's teacher.

Important Dates

- 12/1/17-3rd and 4th Grade Assembly 9:00 a.m.
 - 12/12/17-PTA Meeting 5:30p.m.
 - 12/16/17-We R Monsters 1:00 p.m.
 - 12/20/17-Talent Show 6:00p.m.
 - 12/23/17- Winter Recess Begins. School resumes 1/2/18
- Have a Happy and Healthy New Year from our family to yours!

Music

- o Students will learn "It's Raining" on their recorders. Students will also learn different aspects of rhythm.

Physical Education

- o Students will be learning the skills and strategies of football and basketball.

Theater

- o Students are adapting the Wizard of Oz into a play about students at PS/IS 30.

More Important News

Homework Policy and Grading Guidelines:

Homework assignments are designed to reinforce skills that were taught throughout the day. As much as possible, students are encouraged to complete assignments independently.

Our grade leveling policy is as follows:

- Level 4: 92 – 100%
- Level 3: 80 – 91%
- Level 2: 65 – 79%
- Level 1: Below 65

In most instances students will receive a rubric and guidelines along with projects and assignments to ensure that they have the information they need to succeed!



Top 10 Homework Tips

- *Know the teachers and what they're looking for.
- *Set up a homework-friendly area.
- *Schedule a regular study time.
- *Help them make a plan.
- *Keep distractions to a minimum.
- *Make sure kids do their own work.
- *Be a motivator and monitor.
- *Set a good example.
- *Praise work and effort.
- *If problems continue, ask for help.



For more tips visit:

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/homework.html>

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/homework-project-tips/10-homework-help-tips>

Leader in Me Program

Our school is a lighthouse school! We teach leaderships skills through character development alongside our academic curriculum by promoting healthy habits to demonstrate in school, at home and everywhere we go. There are 7 core values of the Leader in Me program.

1. Be proactive: You are in charge! - I am a responsible person.
2. Begin with the end in mind: Have a plan! – Have a plan and set goals.
3. Put first things first: Work first, then play – I spend my time on things that are most important.
4. Think Win – Win: Everyone can win – I balance courage and consideration.
5. Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood: Listen before you talk.
6. Synergize: Together is better – Value people's strengths and learn from them.
7. Sharpen the Saw: Balance feels best – I take care of my body along with my mind.